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Reference No. 11187072-00

Mr. Gary Baumgarten, EPA Project Coordinator
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Superfund Division (6SF-RA)
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Dallas, Texas 75270

**Re: San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site
Monthly Progress Report No. 15 - July 2019
EPA Region 6, CERCLA Docket No. 06-02-18 for Remedial Design**

Dear Mr. Baumgarten:

On behalf of International Paper Company (IPC) and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation (MIMC; collectively referred to as the Respondents), GHD Services Inc. (GHD) submits the July 2019 Monthly Progress Report to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in accordance with the *Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent* (AOC), for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site (CERCLA Docket No. 06-02-18) located in Harris County, Texas (Site). This Monthly Progress Report No. 15 summarizes remedial design (RD) activities performed during the month of July 2019.

Consistent with the requirements of the AOC, this progress report was prepared on behalf of the Respondents and is organized into the following subject areas:

- Actions taken during previous period.
- Summary of sampling or testing results.
- AOC deliverables Respondents submitted to the EPA.
- Activities scheduled for the next month.
- Percentage of RD completion and potential schedule concerns.
- Modifications to approved work plans or schedules.
- Community Involvement Plan activities.
- Technical Workgroup (TWG) activities.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Period

- The Respondents continued planning the upcoming Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation (PDI-2) fieldwork, pending the approval of the *Final Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*.
- Secured access to the properties located on the Southern Impoundment to conduct sampling and other activities supporting the PDI-2.
- Conducted utility locating and topographical surveying of the Northern and Southern Impoundments and the installation of three transducers - one in a monitoring well on the Northern Impoundment, one

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in a monitoring well on the Southern Impoundment, and one on a staff gauge in the river west of the Northern Impoundment.

2. Summary of Sampling and Testing Results

- No sampling or testing results were received during this period.

3. AOC Deliverables Respondents Submitted to the EPA

- No deliverables were submitted during this period.

4. Activities Scheduled for the Next Month

- The Respondents will continue to use their best efforts to obtain any additional access required to perform sampling under the *Final Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*.
- Given the EPA's August 8, 2019, approval of the *Final Second Phase Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan*, Respondents will proceed with plans to begin performing the PDI-2 fieldwork.
- Respondents will address any comments received from the EPA on the *Final Treatability Study Work Plan* (TSWP). Additional delay in receipt of the EPA's comments and final approval of the TSWP could delay completion of PDI-2 fieldwork and the overall schedule, since the fieldwork includes the collection of samples pursuant to the proposed TSWP.

5. Percentage of RD Completion and Potential Schedule Concerns

- Overall, the RD is approximately 30 percent complete based on the current RD schedule.

6. Modifications to Approved Work Plans or Schedules

- No modifications to approved work plans or schedules were made during this period.

7. Community Involvement Plan Activities

- To the Respondents' knowledge, no community involvement activities occurred during this period.

8. Technical Working Group Activities

- No TWG meetings occurred during this period.



Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding this submittal, please contact GHD at (225) 292-9007.

Sincerely,

GHD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. W. Munce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Charles W. Munce, P.E.

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cc: Phil Slowiak, IPC
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